

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1 to 37 (cancelled)

Claim 38 (currently amended) A package containing a first acne-treating composition comprising a benzoyl peroxide gel and a second acne-treating composition comprising an erythromycin gel, said compositions tending to degrade chemically upon being mixed with one another, said package comprising a first and second packet joined to one another in a parallel relationship along a commonly shared side, each of said packets having a top portion which includes a dispensing orifice that has a tear-off tab seal, a bottom portion positioned opposite said top portion, and two sides faces arranged in a parallel relationship to one another defining a chamber therebetween, and an exterior face and an interior face, said first packet containing said first composition and said second packet containing said second composition, said interior faces of said packets being foldable along said commonly shared side to bring two of said faces into adjacent facing relationship with one another such that said dispensing orifices are positioned adjacent each other allowing said tear-off tabs to be simultaneously torn off such that said compositions may be dispensed and combined with each other as they exit said packets through said dispensing orifices, wherein the compositions have viscosities such that, upon application of uniform force to said packets, substantially equal volumes of said compositions are capable of being dispensed simultaneously

through said orifices for forming a gel composition of the combined gels and wherein:

- (i) said benzoyl peroxide gel has a viscosity from about 200,000 cps to about 500,000 cps and said erythromycin gel has a viscosity of from about 200,000 cps to about 500,000 cps; and wherein
- (ii) said gel composition comprises about 1% to about 30% w/w of benzoyl peroxide and about 0.8 to about 5% w/w of erythromycin.

Claims 39 to 45 (cancelled)

Claim 46 (new) A package according to Claim 38 wherein the component comprising the erythromycin gel includes hydroxypropylcellulose gelling agent and has a viscosity of about 200,000 to about 400,000 cps.

Claim 47 (new) A package according to Claim 38 wherein said benzoyl peroxide gel comprises about 8 to about 12% w/w – component and said erythromycin gel comprises about 5.5 to about 8.5% w/w – component.

Claim 48 (new) A package according to Claim 47 wherein the component comprising the erythromycin gel includes about 3 to about 5% w/w of hydroxypropylcellulose gelling agent.

Claim 49 (new) A package according to Claim 47 wherein the component comprising the benzoyl peroxide gel includes about 1.5 to about 3% w/w gelling agent comprising a polymer of acrylic acid cross-linked with about 1% of a polyallylether of sucrose having an average of about 5.8 allyl groups for each sucrose molecule.

Claim 50 (new) A package according to Claim 48 wherein the component comprising the benzoyl peroxide gel includes about 0.07 to 0.3% w/w of dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate (75%).

Claim 51 (new) A package according to Claim 50 wherein the component comprising the benzoil peroxide gel includes about 0.3 to 0.5% w/w of sodium hydroxide.

Claim 52 (new) A package according to Claim 47 wherein said component comprising the benzoyl peroxide gel includes about 0.3 to 0.5% w/w sodium hydroxide.

Claim 53 (new) A package according to Claim 38 wherein the gel composition of the combined gels has a viscosity of about 200,000 to about 500,000 cps and comprises:

- (a) about 1 to about 30% w/w benzoyl peroxide;
- (b) about 0.5 to about 6% w/w erythromycin; and
- (c) about 1 to about 4% w/w hydroxypropylcellulose gelling agent;

Claim 54 (new) The composition of Claim 53 including an additional gelling agent.

Claim 55 (new) The composition of Claim 53 including about 0.05 to about 1% w/w of a surface active agent.

Claim 56 (new) The composition of Claim 53 including about 0.1 to about 1% w/w of a base which increases the pH of said composition to a value at which said composition has an acceptable viscosity.

Claim 57 (new) The composition of Claim 53 including an alcohol solvent for said erythromycin.

Claim 58 (new) A package according to Claim 38 wherein the gel composition of the combined gels comprise about 5.25% w/w – composition benzoyl peroxide, about 3.45% w/w – composition erythromycin, and about 2% w/w – composition hydroxypropylellulose.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.